

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-12-10 Building Date: 1903

Building Name: The Magruder House

Location: 3700 Upshur Street, Brentwood, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Magruder House is a two-and-one-half story front-gabled frame dwelling. Entrance is in the first bay of the main west gable front, sheltered by a one-story porch with turned posts. The original wood siding is covered with white asbestos shingle; windows are 1/1, and trim is dark green. In the upper gable a pediment is formed by a horizontal pent roof, enclosing a small rectangular loft window. The house stands on a triangular wooded lot.

Significance

The Magruder House is a good example of the front-gabled dwellings built in emerging subdivisions early in the 20th century. It was built in 1903 for the family of Daniel Magruder. Magruder's house differed from traditional frontgables in that its principal gable was pedimented. Its setting also differed from most other dwellings; it stands on a large triangular lot formed by several of the diagonal streets which give the Brentwood subdivision the variety in its plan.

Acreage: 6156 Square feet

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Daniel Magruder House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 3700 Upshur Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Brentwood ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Steven Smith

street & number 3700 Upshur Street telephone no.:

city, town Brentwood state and zip code MD 20722

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6402

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 373

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1903 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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[Prince George's County Deeds](#)  
[Prince George's County Tax Assessments](#)  
[Prince George's County Probate Records](#)  
[Prince George's County Plats](#)

## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of nominated property** 6156 square feet

(Brentwood, Block 8, lot 4)

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

**A**

Zone Easting Northing

**B**

Zone Easting Northing

**C**

D 

E | | | | | | | | | |

F 

**G**

H | | | | | | | | | |

### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title	Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian
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Historic Preservation Section

**organization** Planning Dept. M-NCPPC

**date** June 1992

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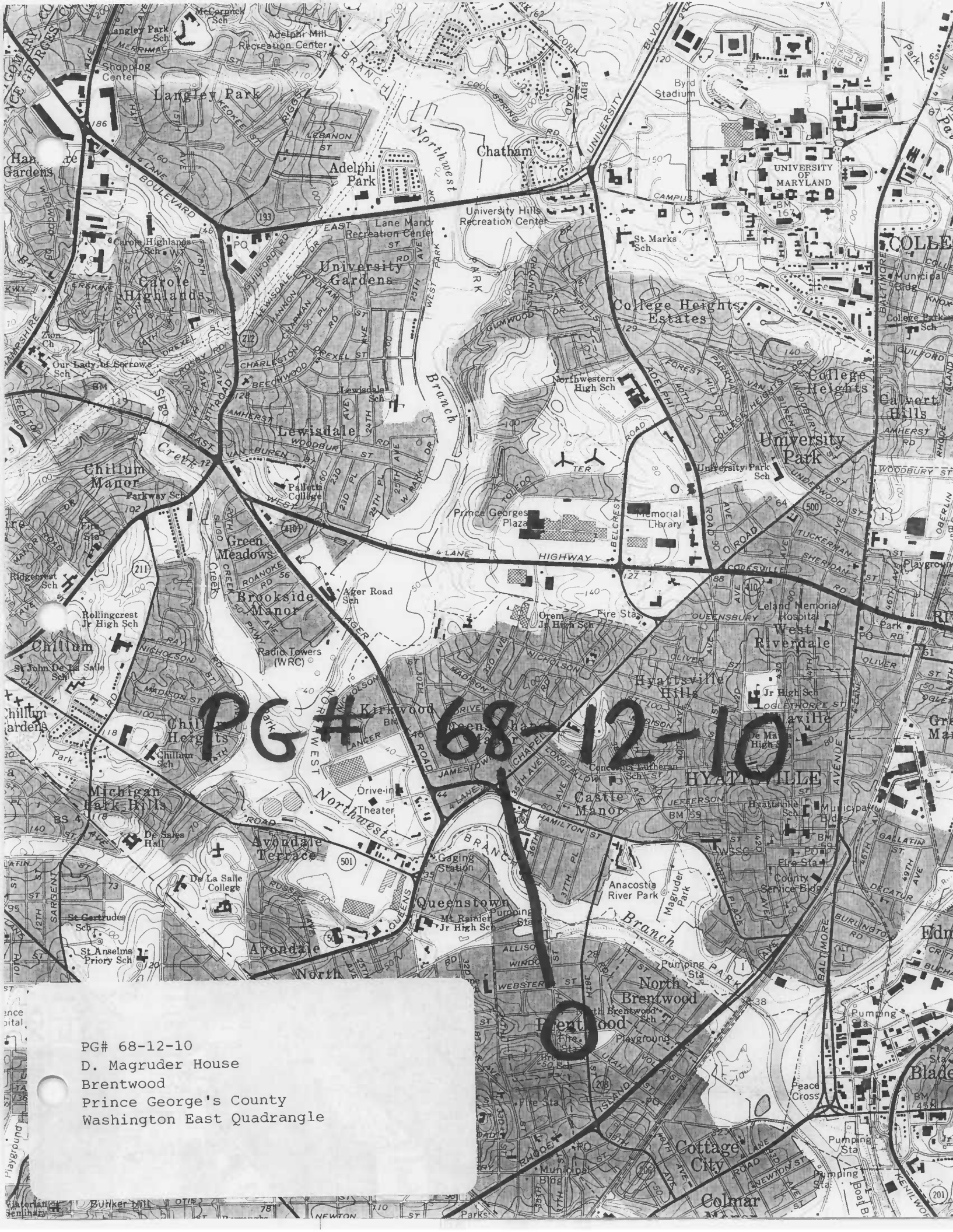
city or town Upper Marlboro

state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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D. Magruder House  
Brentwood  
Prince George's County  
Washington East Quadrangle



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Glenn Magnusson House  
3700 Upshur Street  
Brentwood, P.A. Co.  
Susan H. Pearl  
May 1992  
West facade

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